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BISHOP-ELECT
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OUR BISHOP-ELECT WRITES FROM OTTAWA

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write this word of greeting to the people of the Diocese of Edmonton. You are the people who soon will become my special care and responsibility. And, judging by the warm welcome I have so far received, I know that you are the people whom I soon shall be proud to call my friends.

I realize how greatly you must wish that this New Year's message could come from Archbishop Barfoot. The happy relationship that has existed between your bishop and his clergy and people has won admiring comment in all parts of Canada. And it was the outstanding quality of Archbishop Barfoot's leadership among you which led to his election, first as Primate, and then as Metropolitan of Rupert's Land. You will understand how foolish it would be for me to try to take his place. I must simply come among you ready to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, and trust in His grace to strengthen me for the work to which I am called.

And yet, of course, I have no right to speak as your bishop. Your clergy and your lay representatives have elected me, but that election does not by itself make a man a bishop. He must wait until his Consecration, when the Church, the People of God, in the midst of its supreme act of worship, the Holy Communion, takes a man and, by prayer and the apostolic laying-on of hands, endues him with authority and grace to be a Chief

Pastor and Guardian of the Faith and Sacramental Life of the Church.

Therefore it would be wrong for me at this stage to write of our common hopes and plans for the year which is beginning. I shall have a great deal to learn in the coming months, yet I know already that the Diocese of Edmonton is alive with vigorous activity and amazing growth. There can be no pause in that advance to allow a new Bishop to find his bearings.

Whatever we do in 1954, we shall be doing it under the providence of God. Let us begin the year with humble faith and adoration before His infinite power and infinite love. We shall make our plans, we shall do our work. But whether or not we plan wisely, whether or not we work well, the living God is among us. His Son our Saviour is King.

It is said that in the darkest hours of the Civil War, Lincoln was asked whether he was sure God was on "our side." Lincoln's reply was "I do not know, I have not thought much about that. But I am very anxious to know whether we are on God's side."

To be on God's side—to serve Him—to be truly His People—let that be our aim. And remember always: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

HOWARD H. CLARK.

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EDITORIAL

It is now 1954—"Time Marches On"—we seem to be governed by time these days. Over and over again the radio tells us the correct time and we look at our watches to be sure they are right—we must have the "right" time and yet few men seem satisfied with the time in which they live.

In our imagination at least we are always tinkering with the clock, we can do four things with it: Put it back, put it on, stop it, or accept what it says. Men can be divided into classes according to their attitude towards the clock—but the "way of acceptance, that the right time is NOW" is alone the way of our Christian faith.

To be continually going back to the "old days" is no longer the exclusive privilege of the aged, it tends to become the commonplace of conversation in the bus or at the street corner. Unfortunately much of it is futile and frequently reasonless—in Nazism we saw it take a violent turn as it tried to halt the struggle for freedom and go back to the old idea of authority.

There is a limited sense in which the Church is justified in turning to the past—but we need to keep ever before us the fact that the battle of the faith has moved to new frontiers where there are new foes. In the phrase of Churchill let us not waste our efforts in "firing out-of-date ammunition at a target which is no longer there."

For the Church the time is Now—as Christians let us be on guard lest we give the world the impression that we are disappointed people who have lost all expectancy and hope and hanker after a time that is gone. We speak of the past as if our faith were centered in what appears to have been miracles and we wish that our present age was conducive to a repetition of them.

Surely our faith is centered in the "living" God, who worked the miracle—who because He is ever the same, can still, through the Church, work new wonders to deal with any new need in the present.

As we look out over the days that lie before us in this New Year, as we begin to live "today" each day, it is our Lord who gives us direction and raises our sights: "... what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Begin each day with the prayer that through His enabling Grace, His name will be hallowed, His will shall be done, His kingdom shall come, as in heaven, so on earth. Then indeed "A.D." will become resplendant with meaning and 1954 unfold as "the year of our Lord."

KALENDAR

January 1	Circumcision of our Lord
6	THE EPIPHANY
10	1st Sunday after Epiphany
17	2nd Sunday after Epiphany
24	3rd Sunday after Epiphany
25	Conversion of St. Paul
31	4th Sunday after Epiphany

BROADCASTING FOR JANUARY

January 3	All Saints' Cathedral..CJCA
January 10	St. Faith's.....CFRN
January 17	Holy Trinity.....CJCA

ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR

10:45 a.m. Every Sunday Morning..CFRN



DIOCESAN NEWS



Bishop of Edmonton To Be Consecrated

The Very Reverend Howard Hewlett Clark will be Consecrated Bishop of this Diocese in the Cathedral of All Saints' on the morning of January 25th—the Conversion of St. Paul—with the enthronement taking place in the evening at 8 o'clock.

THE BUDGET, 1954

The Diocese of Edmonton has always been an assisted Diocese. By this we mean that, outside of the few self-supporting parishes, some missionary societies have paid some part of the salaries of our clergymen.

Prior to 1940 about half of this assistance came from the Church in England and about half from the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada (M.S.C.C.) Since that date the M.S.C.C. has taken over responsibility for all such assistance everywhere in Canada. The M.S.C.C. gets the money to do this from Annual Apportionments from every Church in Canada and gives it out to needy Dioceses as grants.

Three years ago this Diocese began to need more assistance for grants to stipends of clergy than the M.S.C.C. could give, so the Archbishop's Whitsuntide Appeal was begun. For 1954 it has been decided to drop this special appeal and to put the amount needed in the budget.

For 1954 the total amount needed for paying minimum stipends is \$13,980 of which the M.S.C.C. can give \$6,670. This leaves \$7,310 extra to be raised in the Diocese if each clergyman is to get the minimum stipend.

The foregoing is an explanation of the first amount mentioned in the Budget.

The result of putting the Whitsuntide Appeal into the 1954 Budget and of including certain other necessary increases in expenditure is a total budget of \$39,000 as against \$26,285 in 1953. This will be directly reflected in Apportionments which will be increased by approximately the same per cent.

BUDGET FOR 1954 FOR THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

Diocesan Missions:

(For assistance to reach
minimum stipends)\$ 7,310.00

General Synod

Apportionments:

M.S.C.C.\$ 6,976.00
G.B.R.E. 476.00
C.S.S. 375.00
Inter-Church ... 173.00
.....\$ 8,000.00

S.P.S. Bishop and Arch-
deacon (pensions)..... 600.00
General Synod Assessment 455.00
Provincial Synod Assess-
ment 475.00
Edmonton Churchman 450.00
Diocesan Synod 400.00
See House 1,100.00
Diocesan Board of Religious
Education 1,000.00
Council for Social Service 200.00
Divinity Students Assistance 800.00
Lambeth and Other General
Councils 200.00
Moving Expenses 450.00
Executive Committee 100.00
Bishop's Stipend 1,500.00
Bishop's Travel 400.00
Mortgage—Synod Office 400.00
Taxes—Synod Office 647.00

Salaries:

Sec.-Treas.\$ 3,250.00
Mrs. Sachse 2,400.00
Mrs. Linton 1,200.00
..... 6,850.00

Office Expense 1,200.00
Printing and Stationery..... 1,200.00
St. James Mortgage 1,180.00
Auditor 400.00
Moving Expenses of New
Bishop 2,000.00
Interest on Loan from All
Saints' 300.00
Estimated Deficit, Dec. 31,
1953 383.00
Unforeseen 1,000.00
TOTAL\$ 39,000.00

Enthronement of the Archbishop

The Most Reverend Walter Foster Barfoot will be enthroned as Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land in Winnipeg on January 4th.

Leave of Absence

Has been granted to the Reverend A. P. Venables as from March 7th, 1954, when he will take up temporary work in England. The Reverend Mr. Venables has resigned as priest-in-charge of the Church of St. James and the Church of the Good Shepherd as from the above date.

Congratulations

To the Venerable Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough and Mrs. Clough (nee Beatrice Fane) who were married in Holy Trinity Church on November 28th.

Congratulations

Are also in order to the Reverend David E. Jones and Mrs. Jones (nee Edna Pepper) married in the Cathedral on December 1st.

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Pleas from the Pews

Q.—Is it necessary for an adult candidate to wear a white dress at her confirmation?

Ans.—When a grown-up woman is confirmed, she may wear a white dress, but such is not compulsory. Nowadays, suits are becoming increasingly popular, and worn with a white veil, present a very neat appearance.

Q.—When was confession first introduced into the Church of England, and by whom?

Ans.—The practise of confession has always been part of the doctrine of our Church, and was not introduced by any particular person at any particular time or place. The first exhortation in the Communion service makes it plain that confession is not compulsory, (P.B. page 275-276) but can be made use of, if so desired. Here are a few extracts from the Prayer Book which make our Church teaching quite clear:—

(1) In the Ordering of Priests. (page 635), the Bishop commissions the priest with the words - "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven: and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained."

(2) In the service of the Visitation of the Sick, the rubric on page 356 directs - "Here shall the sick person be moved to make a special confession of his sins after which confession the Priest shall absolve him after this sort: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath left power to His Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by His authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Q.—What is the difference between a rector, a vicar, and a curate?

Ans.—All can be, and usually are, priests of our church, and the difference is not one of ordination. A rector is the incumbent of a self-supporting parish, while a vicar is the incumbent of a parish or mission which is in receipt of financial help from a missionary society or other similar source. A curate is an assistant to a rector or a vicar.

Q.—Will you please explain through your column the church notice "Sung Mass", in an Anglican Church.

Children's Corner

Dear Boys and Girls,

Christmas is over and we are now at the beginning of another year. I wonder if you can help me? I want to know where we get the saying "Turn over a new leaf". If you know, or can find out, will you write and tell me. We think of the New Year as a time for making good resolutions, you probably have made some already, if you have, don't forget about them will you?

I read the following story in the "Church Times", I'm sure the Editor will not mind me telling the story too. "In the forests of North America more than a century ago, some feathers were to be seen fluttering in the breeze from the roof of a log hut. They had been plucked from the head-dress of an Indian chief, and to those who passed by, the feathers were a symbol of friendship and protection.

A short time before, trouble had broken out between the Indians and the Colonists. At the Government station some miles away, soldiers were being armed, and the Indian chiefs were putting on their war-paint, amid the excitement of the squaws who stood watching them.

Now, in a little town which lay halfway between the Indian wigwams and the Government station there were some log huts. The people living in them had no weapons of any kind. But they decided to stay where they were, although they knew there might be trouble.

One Sunday they had gathered in their little church for worship. Their minister had just finished preaching his sermon, and his people were kneeling in prayer, when he chanced to look up, and saw at the window the head of an Indian. Then

Ans.—The word Mass is simply another term for the service of the Holy Communion. Other terms in popular use are the Eucharist, and The Lord's Supper. Since another denomination has monopolized the use of this term "mass", we tend to be afraid of it, and to think we ought not to use it. However, as already stated, a Sung Mass in one of our churches is that service which is now familiarly known to most of us as "Choral Communion."

another appeared, and another, all crowding round the window.

But no one in the little church moved! Presently, twelve braves followed their chief to the open door-way; they fitted poisoned arrows to their bows, and raised them ready to shoot. Although they had been seen by the worshipping people, still no one moved!

In amazement the Indians waited. They laid down their bows and arrows, and sat down quietly waiting for the service to end. As the people rose to go, the minister made signs to the Indians that he wished them to have a meal in his house, and they quietly followed him.

When the meal was over the chief said: "Indians come to kill white man, but they had no weapons. We will not harm them, for they worship the great Spirit". And, taking from his magnificent head-dress of feathers the best and gayest feather of them all, he fixed it on the roof of the white man's house.

So the Indians passed out of sight through the avenue of trees which might have been an ambush, but had become a place of peace."

The first time I read this story some of the things Jesus said kept coming to my mind, especially about our behaviour as Christian Soldiers toward our neighbours. Doesn't it remind you of some too? I wonder if one of our New Year Resolutions shouldn't be that we will try to be just a little more kind, considerate, and helpful to others for Jesus sake?

Well! a very Happy New Year to you all,

Yours sincerely,
Uncle Geoff.

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Daily Prayer for Peace:

Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to send into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

Camsell Notes:

Sixty women and girls at Charles Camsell hospital each received a Christmas gift from various W.A. branches in the city, consisting of cosmetics, boxed notepaper, jewellery and brush and comb sets. The committee responsible for visiting at Camsell deserves our grateful thanks. We welcome the offer of new visitors from Holy Trinity young women.

New Life Members:

Mrs. A. Barber, St. James W.A.
Mrs. E. Mitchell, St. Michael's W.A.
Mrs. E. Langford, St. Paul's W.A.
Mrs. H. M. E. Evans, Christ Church W.A.

Mrs. I. Cadogan, Christ Church W.A.

It is to be regretted that so many W.A. branches sent in times of St. Andrew's Day services too late to be included in the November issue of the Churchman. Would W.A. treasurers please note that offerings for A.W.T.C. taken at these services should be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, 10806 125th Street, as soon as possible.

Highlights of the Board Meeting:

Special appeal for clothing, kitchen utensils and donations of money was made by the Reverend G. Kelly of the Council for Social Service. Fifty dollars was voted to social service by the meeting.

Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff, formerly medical social worker with D.V.A. at Colonel Mewburn hospital, gave a very interesting address on her work.

Mrs. R. Burden, occupational therapist at the Cerebral Palsy Clinic in South Edmonton, gave a vivid description of the efforts being made by a staff of ten on behalf of the twenty-five children attending the clinic. A film supplemented her talk. The response

to the appeal for food for patient's lunches at the clinic was very generous. The South Side Kiwanis ladies supply lunches throughout the year.

The Educational Secretary wishes to draw your attention to the first page of the new church calendar dealing with the Literacy campaign in West Africa. Have you purchased your new study book, "Africa Steps Out?"

The Radio Sunday School is always with us. Each broadcast costs from \$15 to \$20 per Sunday.

All branches have this opportunity of honoring the late wife of our beloved Primate by donating to the Lorena Barfoot memorial wing.

The cheque from the Dominion Board of \$1,000 is already in the hands of Elizabeth House Guild.

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Rev. David E. Jones

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Christmas services, when friends from near and far will return to their families for the great festival of the Birth of Christ.

With all the people of the Church in Canada, the Cathedral was concerned with the serious illness of Archbishop Barfoot. However, his recovery has been rapid and our hearts are full of thankfulness.

The Very Reverend Howard H. Clark, Bishop-elect, paid a quick visit to Edmonton, met a number of the people and was able to meet the clergy of the city in one group. It was also possible for him to see some of the churches including the Cathedral. His consecration and enthronement will be on January 25th.

Late Nov. and early Dec. are the Bazaar weeks. Our own W.A., under capable leadership, drew a large crowd of patrons and were able to realize a nice financial return.

All organizations are particularly active just now. The Construction Committee is meeting regularly and report progress on the Cathedral plans.

On December 1st, the Reverend David E. Jones and Miss Edna Pepper were united in marriage. The service, which was conducted by the Dean, was fully choral. It had been preceded by a Nuptial Eucharist earlier in the day. The reception was held in the Parish Hall with the W.A. acting as caterers. Mr. and Mrs. Jones went away with the best wishes of the whole congregation.

The Dean is indebted to the following clergy for assisting with the week-day services during Mr. Jones' absence: The Rev. W. G. MacDonald, the Rev. A. Heron and the Rev. V. P. Venables.

Prayers for divine deliverance from the plague of polio are being offered daily at the week-day services.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

W.A.—The Bazaar held late in Nov. was quite successful. There were several "tables", Sewing; Cooking; Candy; G.A.; J.A.; Building Fund; Fish-Pond. The Parcel Post Corner was quite popular with the adults as was the Fish-pond for the children. The members have arranged to cater for the Wedding of Miss E. Crozier, (one of our A.Y. members) on Dec. 12th.

On Sunday, Nov. 29th, the congregation of St. Luke's motored over to St. John's Parish to join with them in the Service of Evensong, and for the showing of the films, "Transition", and "For every Child". The members of their Mens' Club served coffee and doughnuts

to the visitors, and we would voice our appreciation for their kind hospitality.

On Sunday, Dec. 6th, at both the Morning and Evening Services, the "Nativity" Scene was reverently presented, with suitable musical accompaniments by the Choir. A goodly number of "White Gifts" were presented at the Crib. These will be sent to Frog Lake; to our Diocesan Social Service; and to the needy of our own Parish.

A.Y.—The members met together after Evening Service on Sunday, Dec. 6th at the home of the President, Miss Deirdre Coghill. Plans were made for the Whist Drive to be held on the 8th of Dec., also for the Carol Singing and Christmas Party. At the close of the meeting, the Rector, on behalf of the members, presented a gift to Miss Evelyn Crozier, and Mr. G. McKay (Gordie), who are to be married Dec. 12, wishing them much happiness and God's blessing.

The members of the Choir repaired to the Rectory after the practice on Thursday, Nov. 26th for a Social hour, at which, the Rector, on behalf of the members, presented Miss Joan Walters with a gift on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage on Dec. 5th. Joan was one of our "alto" band, and had also been with the A.Y. for many years and a teacher in the Sunday School. We wish her every happiness. Another member of the Choir is moving out of the district, Mr. J. Bradley, but "Joe" has promised to "stay with" the Choir here. We shall also miss Mrs. Bradley's work as "Little Helpers" Leader.

Marriages—Donald Sydney Davis and Maxine Lois Schaupmeyer, William Frank Quilley and Margaret Evelyn Harrison, George Demanchuk and Joan Walters.

ST. FAITH'S

Rev. L. M. Watts

A very special event took place at Morning Service, Nov. 22nd, the presentation of the Sunday School Awards and a proud moment for all the parents present. To Scott Allison, a New Testament, presented by Lord and Lady Luke, Scripture Prize (England). The Afternoon W.A. awards for the outstanding pupils in Grade VI—Carol Bristow and James Vantour. The Evening Group W.A. Prayer Book awards to the best all around pupils in Grade III, presented to Marilyn Darch and Vernon Jones. Also the Girls' Auxiliary received the Festival Challenge Cup for the second half of the year. They share this cup and top honors won at the Annual G.A. Festival, with St. Luke's, Edmonton. The Rector congratulated them all and we know those in the congregation were adding their best wishes mentally.


A special Vestry meeting was convened on Monday, Nov. 23rd to see a new type of building block. There was much enthusiasm among the Vestry mem-

bers. The Every Member Canvass took place the Sunday previous, and while results have not been determined yet, it is felt that it will be the best to date. If by any chance you were not called on, or forgot to send in your pledge cards, do it now, it is never too late. Enthusiasm is very high for our building program but it takes more than enthusiasm to build a new church. If all the more than 400 families in St. Faith's parish worked together in faith and harmony with one purpose in mind—a new church—we could prove that the day of miracles is not over. Have you ever stopped and looked back over the last ten years? A new rectory—parish hall—organ—repairs and improvements to our buildings—all paid for by small amounts given, week after week, by a number of faithful, enthusiastic people. We have done it before, we CAN do it again!

The Afternoon W.A. held their usual successful Bazaar the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 20th and with their closing meeting early in December will have earned a rest until their opening meeting on Jan. 13th, 1954 when reports will be given by all officers and the election of new ones for 1954 will take place.

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A joint St. Andrew's Intercession Service was held at Evensong, Nov. 29th.

There is no news from a number of organizations, we know they are all very active but we cannot write up hear say. So please, to make this column interesting to more people will you get your notes in by the 13th of each month.

Holy Matrimony—Andrew John Quinn and Angela Louise Rahier.

Burials—Henry Alexander Mudie.

ST. MARK'S

Rev. G. W. Wilson

Rev. A. Heron

On the Sunday of Nov. 22nd, 1953 we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Parish of St. Mark's. As this Parish was once a Mission from Christ Church, it was most fitting that our preacher for the morning service was Rev. Canon E. S. Ottley.

At the evening service on the same day, we were pleased to have with us the congregations of St. Paul's and St. Peter's for a showing of the film "For Every Child."

On Thursday, Nov 26th, 1953 our new Parish Hall was officially opened. At 6:00 p.m. we started off with a Parish Dinner, followed by a social evening. During the evening Mr. C. D. Brown was the recipient of a gift from the parishioners in recognition of his most faithful services as building supervisor during our Hall project. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Brown as an active member of our Parish.

Happy New Year to all.

CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. Canon E. S. Ottley

Rev. R. A. Burdon

The vigorous and varied life of the church, so obvious to the observer, takes on a richer and deeper meaning as humble hearts everywhere receive of God's grace, and are inspired to deeper devotion to our Lord by the wonder and beauty of the Christmas message.

The bonds of Cristian love which the festival of Christmas strengthens reach far indeed. This is illustrated by a gift from the University students for use among those training for Christian work of a non clerical character. This gift was passed on from our parish church by personal contact to fill a need in far away India. To John Baksh, medical

student at Ludhiana medical college, it will represent three months expenses paid, for John depends upon his friends to assist him toward the great work which successful study will open up.

Should our hearts not open in thankfulness for the spirit of service in the past which has made possible our present parish life. Looking back over the years we see countless examples of the spirit of love, sacrifice, inspiration, and service, which can inspire each one of us. Were not those meeting together early in the year 1909 to form a new parish, which was to include all of West Edmonton and to erect the first Christ Church at 116th Street, serving with faithful hearts, the Lord's high purpose? Was not the self same spirit moving our hearts as we voted for the necessary extension to our parish hall so recently? The first church at 116th Street and 102nd Avenue was not many years old before it too, had to be extended. Will we not press forward the completion of our own hall accommodation, knowing the great purpose it will serve in the training of the young, and the fellowship of the old.

What an upsurge of faith is seen in the decision to erect a new church, on a new site, and the outcome in 1921 which was the erection of the present church. Had we but eyes to see this House of Prayer reflects the radiance of the Holy Spirit, for within its walls great thoughts have been matured, and strengthened into action. Space fails us to write of the establishment of the missions of St. Mark's, St. Peter's and St. Paul's, and of their part in the unfolding purpose of God. St. Barnabas at West Jasper Place is a recent outgrowth of St. Paul's.

What companies of souls have worshipped within the silence of these half timbered walls, communing with the Father of us all. Some are gathered to their final rest, some have answered Christ's call to serve in the ministry, some with simple deeds of love have served their Lord unsung, and unregarded.

With the passing of the years is recorded further quiet progress. The present Parish Hall was erected in 1923; the belfry being a still later addition in 1925. A rectory was provided, and repairs and improvements to the church building carried out. This year will see the completion of the present 4,000 sq. foot addition to the parish hall.

The pastoral letter from the Bishops of our Canadian Church which was recently read to the congregation, pointed out the wonderful opportunities which we may have the privilege of turning to God's glory. May He grant us the wisdom and strength to perform the tasks which are so plainly laid upon us.

When one asks "What goes on in Christ Church?", how rarely we think of those quiet activities which play such a large part in the life of the parish. The work of the ministry—personal and family counselling, baptism services, adult confirmation classes, young couples joined together in the presence of God, and funeral rites cheered by the hopes of resurrection morn.

The mention of the Chancel Guild and Fellowship of Prayer is testimony in itself of faith and quiet service lovingly performed. We cannot forget those who tend the precincts of the church, for an orderly cleanliness meets us at every turn.

May God's rich blessing and the promise of peace and hope, that this festival of our Lord's nativity holds forth, be with us throughout the whole of the New Year.

The W.A., and women of the parish, despite the difficulties of accommodation, have brought to a very successful conclusion their annual bazaar. Our thanks go out to the Cathedral congregation for the use of their hall upon the occasion.

Our confirmation service planned for the evening of Dec. 6th, had to be postponed because of the illness of our Archbishop. We join with his many friends in wishing him well, and a speedy recovery to full health.

ST. MARY'S

Canon W. Elkin

The Every Member Canvass has been a satisfactory success at St. Mary's and good progress was made by the members making the canvass in completing their calls, and according to the chairman, the returns are quite gratifying and give encouraging prospects for 1954 at St. Mary's.

We hope, at time of writing, that we shall be able to celebrate the opening of our new church building sometime in Jan., an event the parish is looking forward to with eager anticipation.

Our delegates to Synod, Mr. Williams, Mr. Clark and Mr. Chandler report a satisfactory Synod session and we extend congratulations of awards made to our new Bishop-elect.

Congratulations also to Archdeacon and Mrs. C. F. A. Clough from their many friends at St. Mary's.

The green and gold of Junior Auxiliary uniforms filled six pews at St. Mary's at the evening service Nov. 29th, with the annual presentation of awards made to Junior members. New Juniors admitted to membership and receiving the card and arm band: Barbara Suss, Cheryl Collins, Wendy Parslow, Marjorie Yur-

chuk, Carolyn Jennings, Joan Sanderson, Vivian and Pamela Wright. First stripe: Gwen Wilcox, Sharon Stradine, Lynn Diane Jones, Lenore Jennings. Second stripe: Sandra Collins, Susan Elkin, Carol Karpluk, Lenore Jennings. Third stripe: Margaret Clough, Edith Steck, Lynn Frances Jones, Barbara White, Bonnie MacPherson, Sheila Oakes, Barbara Arnold, Katherine Stiles, Patsy Karpluk, Pat Collins. First Aid Badges: Madelaine Jones, Carol Hertzog, Moureen Quilley, Mary Steck, Marna Marsh, Judy Alton, Bonnie Parslow, Florence Hall, Carol Spiller, Wendy Brown, Elizabeth Suss, Ellory Yurchuk, Sheila Oakes, Barbara Arnold. Fourth stripe: Barbara Arnold. Handicraft Badge: Sharon King, Judy Barford, Betty Barr, Sharon Yurchuk, Rosemary Henderson, Barbara Arnold, Sheila Oakes. Lovely silver pendant and chain in a replica of the J.A. pin were presented to Sharon King, Judy Barford, Gail Hunt and Pat Hunt, being the new Honor Award for Juniors faithful in attendance at meetings, also at church and Sunday School, and who have earned all their stripes, badges, have passed the Junior Knowledge Exam with a good mark and have shown a true spirit of Junior work. Congratulations, girls. Junior meetings for the next few weeks will be spent in happy preparation for Christmas with the Junior party scheduled for Dec. 30th.

Parishioners of St. Mary's—please keep in mind the parish annual meeting scheduled for the 4th Thursday in Jan., Jan. 28, 1954; we would like a large turnout for this important event.

Baptisms—Gordon Tommy Dalzell, David Bruce Nelson, Keltie Jaye Parslow.

Weddings—Norma Ashbacker to John Killeen.

ST. PAUL'S

Rev. G. D. Kelly

A Happy New Year! to all who read this column. As we go to press the parish is fairly humming with activity—junior members of the church together with the choir are about to hold their final rehearsal before presenting "The Christmas Story" in tableaux and carol on December 20th. The Beginners and Primary Sunday School are getting ready for their Christmas Party on the 18th and the Junior and Senior School is looking forward to Tuesday the 22nd when it will be their turn to have a party. Several of the mid-week groups are also going to mark the Season with special gatherings and from the songs and laughter heard at rehearsals, everyone seems to be assured of a thoroughly good time.

The date for our Annual Congregational Meeting has not been fixed as yet but it will no doubt be towards the end of Jan. and we look forward to a representative attendance from the families of the Parish and our organizations.

A very happy event took place in the Parish Hall on Dec. 9th when Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Langford celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Besides

their daughters, sons and grandchildren a large number of friends gathered to congratulate them and wish them many more years of good health and happiness together. Mrs. Langford received a Life Membership in the W.A. at the Service on Nov. 29th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the committee for the "Coronation Concert" held last spring. Out of the proceeds they have purchased new Prayer Books for the church and we can assure them that they were needed and will be greatly appreciated. If members of the parish will give "memorial Prayer Books" to the church in lieu of flowers at the time of funerals we ought to be able to build up and maintain an adequate supply for our needs.

Baptisms—Wayne Blair Sparrow, Pamela Jean Clouston, Danny Stuart Lineham.

Marriages—Erik Johannes Nielsen and Joanne Steele.

ST. BARNABAS MISSION

Rev. G. D. Kelly

Thursday, Dec. 10th saw about a dozen stalwart men down the basement of the Mission clearing away debris, stacking lumber, spreading gravel and numerous other jobs in preparation for the pouring of the cement floor later in the month.

The Sunday School has reached the size now that the main hall is not large enough to do departmentalized teaching and it is hoped that early in the new year the primary group may be able to use the lower hall.

The Guild is steadily increasing in numbers and also in the variety of projects it is undertaking—they have recently secured a piano for the mission and plan to purchase sufficient kitchen utensils and dishes to enable them to cater to groups desirous of meeting in the hall.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Rev. Wm. Sewell

November saw the tempo of the life of the Parish increased to such a degree that even the Rector was overheard saying that he was considering petitioning the government to provide two extra nights in every week.

On Nov. 18th, the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton met in All Saints' Cathedral to elect a new Bishop. This Parish was represented by the following Laymen: F. Tomlinson, G. C. Montgomery, J. M. Read, as well as the Rector. The news of the appointment of the Very Reverend H. H. Clark as Bishop-Elect was received with great joy at St. John's and we are looking forward to meeting Bishop-Elect Clark in January.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 29th, two motion pictures of outstanding merit were shown as part of our Evening Service. A shortened Evensong was held in the church, followed by the films in the Parish Hall. The congregation of St. Luke's and St. David's joined with us

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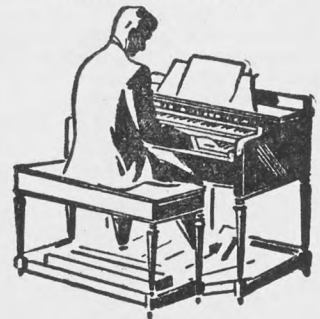
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for the evening and all enjoyed seeing, "For Every Child", and "Transition". Following the films, the Mens' Club played host and did the honours with donuts and coffee.

The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. held their regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1st. Election of officers for the coming year were held.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 1st, marked the end of "Operation Minceat". The Evening Branch W.A. held their Annual Bazaar and Tea. There were tables of Home-Cooking, Dolls, Dolls' Clothes, Novelties, and Minceat, and Minceat and Minceat. The very word itself has become synonymous with hard work, sore muscles and kitchen scales, (Dare we mention the latter?).

The Chancel Guild met on Dec. 7th for their regular monthly meeting. The Guild have been busy of late providing new kneelers for the Church. Every visitor to St. John's is heard to comment on the beautiful arrangement of the flowers on the Holy Table. Sunday by Sunday these are a silent monument that bear witness to the tireless labour, and the love and devotion of Mrs. W. C. Johnson to the service of our Church.

The Sunday School have been extra busy preparing for a Christmas play that will be presented as part of Even-song on Dec. 20th. To kindle their enthusiasm and provide a dress rehearsal, Christmas parties were held for the Juniors and Seniors on Dec. 11th at 5:30 p.m., and for the Primary Department on Dec. 12th at 2:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Rev. A. P. Venables

The Harvest Tea sponsored by the Evening Branch W.A. was a huge success, as was the Annual Bazaar held by the Afternoon Branch on Nov. 18th. Our little Parish Hall was filled to capacity by ladies eager to buy home-baking, sewing, and enjoy a good afternoon tea.

Both Branches of the W.A. will meet on Monday Nov. 30th to hold a St. Andrew's Day Service in the Church at 8 p.m. after which they will retire to the Hall for refreshments when the Evening Branch will be hostesses.

The Afternoon Branch W.A. will hold their annual "Mystery Pal Party" sometime during the Christmas Season, the date has not yet been set.

Some of the J.A. are to receive stripes and badges at morning service on Sunday Dec. 6th. They had the candy stall and Fish Pond at the Bazaar. Mrs. J. Moore is their very capable Leader.

The Little Helpers Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 16th. Mrs. H. Mudt and the Evening W.A. are in charge.

Some of the Sunday School pupils and J.A. put on a Concert on Nov. 27th when there was a good turnout of parents and friends to see the little ones do their stunts. From all accounts the affair went

off very well, thanks to the Staff and Teachers.

The proceeds of this concert will go towards giving the children a bang-up Christmas Party at a later date.

Something new has been added—we now have a sign board on 129th Ave. pointing the way to our Church—one block north. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rock for giving us permission to fasten it right on their fence, also to the men responsible for making the sign and erecting it.

We had a very interesting guest at our last vestry meeting in the person of the Very Rev. J. Grant Sparling, Administrator of the Diocese, who explained and straightened out several matters for us.

We enjoyed having you very much Mr. Dean.

By the time you read this letters will have gone out to you with notice of Christmas Services, and we sincerely hope that all Parishioners will take their part in them.

Happy New Year to all.

ST. SAVIOUR'S MISSION

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VEGREVILLE

The arrival of his two confreres has now spared the Rev. R. Sayer from having to do all points of the compass each Sunday. However he has spent the month showing them the set-up with great exercise of patience!

St. Mary's held their Harvest Festival on the second Sunday in Nov. Many were present at the Eucharist, and the church nicely decorated. The clergy of the mission want to thank the parish for the harvest produce given to them. We intend to use one small pumpkin to test the Rev. David Woeller's recipe for pumpkin wine.

On Saturday, Nov. 14 the marriage of Harold Mitchell and Francis Hughes was given the blessing of the church by the Rev. R. A. Sayer. The prayers and good wishes of all go with them as they begin another Anglican home in the community.

WHITFORD

The sitting room of the Littlechild home was well filled for the celebration of Holy Communion on All Saints' Day. In spite of various experiments on the organ stops by the priest-organist, the hymns were sung with fervor. George Esak of Vegreville offered to drive the priest to his destination for the Even-song on the third Sunday, and this was very much appreciated.

BROSSEAU

Big plans for a "White Elephant Sale" Dec. 5 in the Two Hills Recreation Hall, are being made by the Anglican ladies of Brosseau and Duvernay. Church services are being resumed at the home of Mr. Frank Smith.

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Preparations are now being made for the Christmas Festival, and the Choirs have been busy practising for some time. Both the Senior and the Girls' Chorus are to sing at the Rotary Carol Festival, and we are looking forward to hearing the Cantata "Bethlehem" on the Sunday after Christmas Day. The Sanctuary Guild will again decorate the Church in keeping with the great occasion, and we hope our Christmas Services will help us to recapture the real significance of the Incarnation.

Most organizations have held the final meetings of the year, and all have excellent reports for our Jubilee Year. We are grateful for the generous donations received towards our building project from both individuals and organizations.

A number of social evenings have been held. The W.A. and Mothers' Union combined for a Social evening at the Rectory. The Garneau and Strathearn Groups met at the home of Mrs. C. O. Tanney where kodachromes were shown by both the Rectory and Mr. Tanney. The Womens' Fellowship held a Social evening in the Guild Room.

The annual Bazaar held by the Parish Guild in the Garneau Theatre once again proved an outstanding success in every way, and we are grateful to the management for the use of the Theatre foyer. Our thanks to all who contributed to the success, and especially to those who are not members of the Guild but who brought articles for sale.

The Mothers' Union met at the home of Mrs. W. Polley, and made arrangements for the annual Christmas Party for the Kindergarten children and their parents. We hope it will be possible to go ahead with this party as in former years. The Main School Christmas Party has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 5:00 p.m.

The Men's Club held a Games Night recently in the Church Hall, and played shuffleboard, badminton, darts and ping-pong, with obvious enjoyment. All reported a good time, and a wish for another similar night in the near future.

The annual White Gift Service is to be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 13th when all the children of the parish are asked for gifts for Eskimo or Indian children. Each year we have been able to send large cartons of gifts to the north for distribution by our missionaries.

ST. PETER'S

Rev. Canon Teape

Come to the Annual Meeting on January 15th—Yes, it is a far far better thing that we inform you of this news now, because we hear that people are in the habit of reading the first ten lines of this report, throwing the paper away, and turning on another station. But about the Annual Meeting—the ladies of the Afternoon W.A. (what wonder-

ful cooks they are) are going to put on a supper which will be out of this world. We are going all out to make the meeting short and sweet—or short at least. Financial reports are to be condensed. Some wag has suggested that anyone who speaks for more than three minutes should pay for the extra time at the rate of a dollar a minute to be put into the Building Fund. Not a bad idea—though the chairman will be broke.

Ladies at Work—Bazaar a Success— We think the headlines should go something like that. Upstairs and down stairs, the hall and the basement were packed with good-natured charming people. It looked like the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on a busy day or on end-of-the-season football game. No one actually "tackled" anyone else, but some folks offered a good example of broken field running. The ladies of the two W.A.'s and of the Ladies' Guild performed a major feat in bringing off this splendid bazaar. How much work was involved in the whole thing we do not know, but we know that there must have been a great deal of it and it must have been spread over a long time. The net proceeds were over six hundred dollars. Just to show that they were not all tuckered out, Dora Kiriakides led an intrepid band down to the Market Square the following Saturday with all the things that had been left over from the bazaar. When the smoke had cleared away from the field of battle they had raised another hundred dollars for the Building Fund. The Vestry should be eternally thankful to the ladies, because they take almost all that they make at these affairs and pour it into the coffers of the Church. This is what is known as "coffing up". (We caught the disease of punning from the Dean and Canons Nainby and Ottley. Their puns are unprintable). To get back to the ladies—everyone is grateful to them for all they did and to the multitude of parishioners who helped them.

St. Andrew's Day—On the evening of Nov. 30th the members of three ladies' organizations gathered in the Church and took their part in the chain of prayer which is the custom on this day in the Diocese. Following the prayers for missions there was an installation of those members of the Evening Branch of the W.A. who had not previously taken part in such a ceremony. Tea was served in the hall to finish off a very worthwhile evening.

A.Y.P.A. Square Dance—This took place on Friday, Dec. 4th from goodness-knows-when until mid-night. Now that the Charleston and Boogey-Woogey have gone the way of all flesh and have slipped into oblivion—now we have the Square Dance. Personally, we think it is the best of the lot. The A.Y. entertained the young people from St. Paul's and St. Mark's, and the crowd that turned out just comfortably filled the hall. All the A.Y. are agreed that they dance much better than their parents, but between you and me and the gatepost what they lack is stamina. They

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just can't take it. But then they are young.

Choir Hold Pleasant Evening—We do not mean to imply that all Thursday evenings are not pleasant for the choir, but Dec. 3rd was especially so. At the kind invitation of Mr. McLaren, the organist, the choir members gathered at his home following the usual Thursday evening practice. There they spent a very enjoyable time being entertained by Mr. McLaren and his wife. Mr. A. J. Brown regaled the company with good stories about the old days.

Men's Club—There have been two excellent meetings under the auspices of the Men's Club lately. One was a Games Night. The members played Bridge, whist, checkers, a Murder Mystery Game, crib, and one benighted specimen even wanted to play chess. We have never heard before that Scouting and checkers go together, but the fact remains that our Scoutmaster, Eric Johnson, swept all before him on the checker board. At the end of the evening the usual good food was in evidence. On Dec. 11th the men held a supper meeting when thirty-five to forty turned out to do justice to a meal prepared by some of the members of the Ladies' Guild. The men then washed up in half the time their wives would take—listened to a most interesting talk given by Mr. Milner, a petroleum engineer—and then saw three films on the subject of "oil". The evening concluded with a sing-song, the music being provided by that incomparable pair, A. V. Youell and Ed. Donnelly.

ST. MICHAEL and ALL ANGEL'S

All our thoughts and efforts for this and the next few months will be directed to making our new parish hall a reality. Many meetings have been held and all were enthusiastic and helpful. Very careful thought has been given to financing the hall, and is being given to the planning of the building itself.

The Loyalty supper in the Community Hall on Friday, Jan. 22nd, when we expect every member and friend of St. Michael's to be present.

Everyone is convinced of the pressing need of a parish hall to meet the needs of this growing parish, especially the young people and the children. This is a "now-or-never" effort and we are all urged to be ready to give a good reception to the canvassers and to share generously in the cost of the undertaking. It is the Lord's work—committed to us. We shall not fail.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST FAITH'S MISSION, EDSON

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ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

The combined W.A.'s together with Mrs. Ball's junior girls, held a very successful bazaar Nov. 21st. The evening group have been particularly busy this month, catering on two occasions besides taking care of the tea on the day of the sale. They found that their recently acquired card tables saved them a lot of time and trouble, and their new curtains make the parish hall look very cosy.

Mr. Buchner's Kodachromes are becoming famous beyond the confines of the parish. A public showing on Saturday evening, Nov. 22nd has led to further demands. The vicar has often other extra-parochial claims upon his time with two organ and some piano pupils. Esther Ashwell and Tom Wilson are making fine progress on the organ. Perhaps it will be possible in the not too distant future to make some enthusiastic remarks about the choir and the congregational singing. One of our difficulties lies in the following of the church calendar which tends to a wide choice of hymns, many of which are only sung once a year. Thus it behoves good Anglicans to learn many hymns and to join, support and encourage the choir as far as possible.

ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK

Rev. K. A. Minchin

Our Nov. fireside was again a great success. Members of all four parish churches heard a very gripping and inspiring talk on the work of the R.C.M.P.

Dog Section, given by Constable William Brace, the Dog Master stationed here in Westlock. Our thanks too, go to Mrs. Frank Merryweather who so faithfully and efficiently organized the provision of the refreshments at three monthly Sunday-evening gatherings. There will be no Fireside in Dec. but we are eagerly looking forward to the Jan. affair.

Plans are going ahead for our Christmas Eve Carol Service, at which there will be special music both by the whole choir and by smaller groups of singers.

We were honored, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, to have a visit from the Rev. E. J. Heuer, District Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who accompanied the Vicar around the whole circuit and preached at all the points.

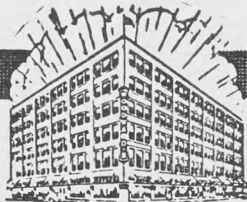
The Sunday School Christmas Party is scheduled for the evening of Friday, Dec. 18th, and at that time we expect a visit from Santa Claus, who is coming down from his northern home for this very special occasion.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, the 21st of Jan. for the purpose of electing Church Officers and the receiving of organizational reports for the year 1953. This last year has been a very successful one and we pray God that 1954 will be just as happy and prosperous.

ST. STEPHEN'S, ALCOMDALE

Rev. K. A. Minchin

On Dec. 6th we had our first anniversary and thanksgiving service. Archdeacon Tackaberry, our guest preacher, spoke to a full church. The wardens read the lessons and two little boys from the congregation took up the collection



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to be used for repayment of our debt. We are very grateful for the support shown in this respect. Refreshments were served in the new Spargo home for members of the congregation and visitors from other parts of the district.

This seems like a good time to review the history of our first year as a church.

At a meeting held in the school in the third week in Nov. 1952, it was decided to hold weekly services in the school until we could decide whether it was feasible to start an Anglican church in Alcomdale. This proved to be an overwhelming success. Our first congregational meeting was held in Alcomdale High School Jan. the 8th, 1953, at which the following were elected:

Peoples Warden—T. C. McConaghy

Vicars Warden—N. Byer

Vestry Members—Mrs. R. Whitson

Mr. W. Meakin

Mr. J. Thompson

Mr. H. Milligan

Mr. Meakin is our lay delegate to Synod.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION
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Rev. Douglas A. Ford

On Saturday, Nov. 29th, the afternoon W.A. held a most successful Tea and Bazaar, with a fine display of needlework and home-cooking on hand, tastefully decorated tea tables, and enjoyable refreshments.

The Evening W.A. has been busy selling mincemeat, catering for banquets and being generally active. Once a month at their regular meetings they have been addressed by the Rector on the furnishings of the Church and Christian symbolism.

The Whist drives are being held regularly every two weeks with the last one being sponsored by the Choir. Proceeds of this are being used to outfit the men of the Choir in new surplices since at present they do not compare too well with the ladies in their new robes. At present the Choir is busy on Christmas music, and hopes to bring Carols to the Vermilion Hospital at Christmas and possibly make a trip to Marwayne.

The Men's Club looks forward to its next regular meeting when the fare promises to be something out of this world. On the intellectual side, they hope to gain some stimulus from an undisclosed subject for discussion.

The A.Y.P.A. had a candy stall at the recent bazaar and added somewhat to their coffers thereby. They meet regularly on Tuesdays using the four-fold programme as the basis of their activities. Work, Worship, Fellowship and Edification are thus included in a well-balanced schedule.

With the consent of its former members St. Stephen's Church, Sunny-bank, was moved to Alcomdale on Feb. 18th, 1953. A canvass was conducted in the parish at which over a thousand dollars was raised, which, together with a loan from the Synod Office, has been applied to the building of a foundation and an extension for our church.

In May, His Grace, the Archbishop, visited the parish and on the 25th of August we received the Deed of Erection of the parish of St. Stephen's, Alcomdale.

In May a W.A. was formed and in Oct. we had our first Confirmation Service.

This, we believe, with the help of God, will be the first of many such eventful years.

The Rector offers his apologies to the parishioners of All Saints', Pleasant Valley in failing to arrive in time for service on Nov. 15th. A wet distributor was the cause for the delay.

A full representation of delegates attended the Synod to elect a successor to Archbishop Barfoot on Nov. 18th. We shall look forward to having our new Bishop in our midst and wish him a long and happy episcopate. In the meantime, we shall say farewell to Archbishop Barfoot as a Parish on Dec. 17th when he comes to visit us.

The Sunday School Christmas concert and party will take place on Dec. 18th, when as usual there will be a happy and albeit noisy time enjoyed by all.

In the meantime, we wish our readers a blessed and peaceful New Year.

HOLY TRINITY, GOLDEN VALLEY

Rev. D. J. Woeller

On the evening of Nov. 15th, following Evensong, the ladies catered to a parish social which was very much enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickford and boys are visiting with relatives in England for a few weeks.

An attempt has been made to organize a Womens' Auxiliary. Due to the fact that there are a limited number of ladies in the district it is rather difficult to maintain such a group. However, we hope that a W.A. will soon be established.

Messrs. Watts, T. Evans, and Lee motored to Vermilion to attend the Deanery meeting held there on Nov. 24th.

The Rector has been a welcome visitor at the homes of several of the parishioners during the latter part of Nov.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

Rev. R. Alcock

By the time this is in print all the church's preparation for Christmas will be over as well as Christmas itself.

The Happy Hour W.A. held its monthly meeting at the home of Ethel Mercer with a good attendance. Plans were made for the cooking table for the bazaar and several members were detailed to serve at the tables. Discussion took place re the holding of a card party to augment the funds but it was decided it would be advisable to leave same until the New Year. A delicious lunch was served with Linda Scoggins and Dora Pesklivets as co-hostesses.

The Annual tea and bazaar was a huge success with both W.A.'s harmoniously working together. A nice profit was netted by both branches. Many thanks are extended to all members, helpers and the patrons who made this annual event such a success.

Christ Church W.A. held the Dec. meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Osborn. Most of the membership were present. The treasurer gave a very satisfactory report of the tea and bazaar. The birthday box, U.T.O. and E.C.D. boxes were opened, a tidy sum in each being realized. The 1954 calendars were distributed and subscriptions to the Living Message were collected. A Christmas gift was to be sent to Mrs. Johnson in Saskatoon, who is 93 and a former faithful W.A. member and church supporter. Gifts of toys and clothing were to be collected and sent to Frog Lake for Xmas. The first paper on the Study Book, Africa Steps Out, was given by K. Sutton. Mrs. Osborn served a Xmas lunch and a social hour was spent.

We were pleased to have the Mynam congregation with us for an evening service. A social hour was enjoyed in the Parish Hall over a cup of tea.

At time of writing Rev. Alcock is confined to bed but it is hoped he will soon be well again. Rev. Clennet from Clandonald conducted the service in Mr. Alcock's place on Dec. 13th.

The Sunday School Xmas tree will be held on the 18th. A report will be given next month.

The G.A. will resume their meetings in Jan.

P. H. Weaver has been confined to hospital but at time of writing seems to be well again.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Evensong was held on Nov. 15th and Nov. 29th with a good attendance. Morning service planned for Dec. 13th was cancelled on account of Mr. Alcock being sick. A candle-light service is planned for Dec. 24th with some decorations. We are hoping Mr. Alcock will be better and around again before the candle-light service. The next regular service will be on Dec. 27th.

W.A.—The St. Andrew's Day service was held on Nov. 30th in the church with Mr. Alcock in charge, we then went

to Mrs. Ossnchuck's house to hold our annual meeting. The officers were elected as follows: Pres., Mrs. P. Cotten; Vice-Pres., Mrs. B. Scott; Sec. Mrs. R. H. Scott; Directive, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. W. R. Cornish and Mrs. W. R. Jackson; Educ. Sec., Mrs. K. Blackburn; Little Helpers Sec., Mrs. G. Coulter assisted by Mrs. Ossnchuck; Auditors, Mrs. Clennett and Mrs. S. Jackson. The usual reports were presented, the President giving great praise to her Vice-Pres. of last year.

It will be in the New Year before these reports are published but Chailey wishes every reader a Happy and Successful Year in 1954.

Burials—Mr. Clifford Saint.

ST. MARK'S, BLACKFOOT

Rev. D. J. Woeller

Happy New Year to you all.

The Dec. meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Harvard at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3rd with 5 present. The Missionary book "Thine is the Glory" was finished.

The Annual Parishioners meeting was held after Evensong Dec. 13th in the school with a social hour afterwards, Rev. Woeller was chairman. Officers were:—Rectors Warden Mr. F. Whitfield, Peoples Warden, Mr. C. A. Haight, for the Vestry, Mr. Fred Lane, Mr. Blake Mr. Nykolaychuk, Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Haight.

Baptism—Gerald Wayne Hobbs.

ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

The Annual Meeting of the Lorena Barfoot Branch (evening group) W.A. was held Dec. 10th in the Rectory. The officers were re-elected as follows:—Pres., Mrs. T. F. Mason; Vice-Pres., Mrs. G. Patnoe; Sec-Treas., Mrs. A. S. Byrt; the new office of Dorcas Sec. was filled by Mrs. G. Blake and the Little Helpers Sec. is Mrs. N. Browne.

The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. also held election of officers on Dec. 10th. Mrs. Fox went in as President; Mrs. J. Potter, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Apperson, Sec. Treas.; Mrs. Joy, Dorcas.

The combined branches held a very successful Tea and Bazaar on Nov. 27th. We wish to thank all the folks who helped make it so successful.

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Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT
ST. MARY'S. IRMA

The month of Nov. was a busy one for the Parish of St. Thomas'. On Sunday, Nov. 8th, ten children were baptised at a Public Baptism, beginning a new effort to make this sacrament the important event in a Christian's life that it ought to be. The following Wednesday was, of course, Remembrance Day, and a Remembrance Day Service was conducted at Irma. The following Sunday was observed as Remembrance Sunday in St. Thomas' Church.

On Nov. 21st, the climax came for work begun almost a year ago, when the Senior W.A. put on their Annual Bazaar. The ladies have done very well indeed, and the Parish as a whole may be challenged by their efforts. As a result of the financial success of that day, the debt on the Rectory has been reduced still further, so that it is almost certain that we can wipe it out altogether in 1954.

As the month progressed, the Choir began serious study of the Christmas anthems, besides a new setting for the Communion Service. The work is now well in hand. An experiment in adult education was attempted, beginning Sunday, Nov. 15th. This was a short series

of Study Groups on the Scriptures. The experiment was not as successful as it might have been but there is certainly ground for hope in the future. Another series is planned for Jan.

Baptisms—Allan Fredrick Ford; Lorne David Ford; Gloria Ruth Ford; Shirley Elaine Ford; Wayne Arnold Myggland; Merlene Olgo Paskar; Brenda Elaine Shaw; Neil Andrew Myggland; Wendy Joanne Myggland; Helene Margaret Haire.

RODINO

Rev. V. Cole

Our last W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Nash, seven members and two visitors present. Final plans were made for the Children's Party to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vanderwaate on Dec. 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Paget have offered us the use of a vacant house on their property for Church Services and whist drives. We greatly appreciate this generous offer from Mr. and Mrs. Paget. A good crowd turned out to give the place a clean up and now it looks very nice and ready for use at anytime.

The chicken supper and bazaar in Kinsella turned out to be a great success, and a good sum was made.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

Rev. F. E. Smith

The last time I sat down at these keys to report on Immanuel Church affairs the result was disappointing. My finished copy read like the Social and Personal column of the Pine Flats Gazette or some similar publication. On reading it through I was so bored I fell asleep, struck my head on the carriage of the typewriter and dented it—the carriage of the typewriter that is. After this unfortunate experience I resolved to wait until there was really something worthwhile to write about. Now that I have pushed my gathered notes to one side, in order to make space on the desk for the typewriter, here goes!

The response to the canvas conducted by the vestrymen of Immanuel for donations to the organ fund was probably the most heart-warming and encouraging show of support and confidence in the work of our church ever displayed by the parishioners. The vestrymen are now finalizing transactions with the company concerned and the small balance which will be unpaid has been covered by pledges of donations within the next few months. The beautiful new organ now provides melodious accompaniment to our hymn singing, in response to the touch of maestro Ken Campbell.

The Men's club recently held their first get-together of the current season. Rev. Jack Gibbons of Winfield was the guest. About fifteen members of the club attended the function and participated in an informal discussion with their guest, on his theme "Worship". Lunch was served during the evening and everyone enjoyed the food and good fellowship.

The Remembrance Day service in the Drill Hall under the auspices of the Wetaskiwin Post of the Canadian Legion was attended by many of our parishioners. Our rector participated in the service in the hall and at the cenotaph as padre of the local Post. Lt. Col. the Rev. R. S. Wilkes senior Protestant chaplain of the western army command delivered the address.

The ladies of the W.A. groups have held a Harvest Tea, Rummage Sale and Christmas Tea and Bazaar during the last two months. The latter event was a real parish effort and was very successful, about 150 people visiting the hall during the afternoon. Proceeds went to the Organ Fund.

The Kitchen in the Parish Hall is being renovated and plans include the installation of a new gas range.

The Little Helpers and their mothers had an enjoyable service, followed by a party in the hall. The youngsters in the

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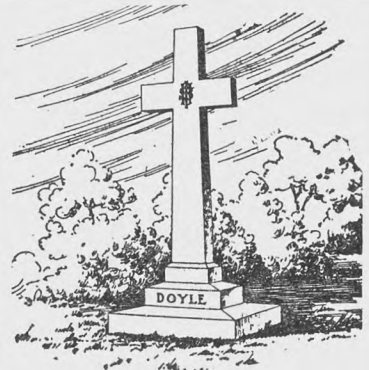
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parish are now looking forward to the Sunday School Christmas Party.

Wetaskiwin has had its share of polio victims in this year's outbreak, and Mrs. Smith has found her services as a nurse in great demand. She has devoted many long hours to nursing these patients during the past few months. When the local Kinsmen club "rigged" an iron lung in a truck in order to transport a polio victim to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Mrs. Smith was with the victim during the journey to keep him cheerful and comfortable.

The choir is busy these days rehearsing for the carol service here, and are looking forward to being in Millet for the carol service there on Dec. 27th. Anyone finding a four foot piccolo please return same to Mrs. Maggs!

Newcomers to our church to whom we would like to say a big "hello" are, Mr. and Mrs. R. Maynard recent immigrants from England, who are now living in Wetaskiwin with their son and three daughters; and Mr. and Mrs. D. Clifford formerly of the Calgary Diocese.

Baptisms—Robert Iven Simmons, Linda Mae Lidgett, Patricia Ann Lidgett, Ruth Ellen Climie.

Marriages—Const. Stewart Orge, R.C. M.P. and Joan Kathleen Beale, Ronald Grainger Stanley and Shirley Ann May, Joseph Roy Klein and Barbara Joan Fald, Walter Oscar Klemky and Loretta Edith Stange.

Burials—George Edward Boake, Mrs. L. A. Duncan.

ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

Rev. E. M. Evans

The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. held a very successful Bazaar during November. We had an excellent turn-out, well rewarding the efforts of the members. These events bring a wealth of Fellowship into our midst, Thank you everyone.

At their Annual Meeting the following slate of Officers was chosen:—

President.....Mrs. R. W. Campbell
Secretary.....Mrs. P. A. East
Dorcas Sec'ty.....Mrs. N. Blades
Vice-President.....Mrs. W. Whelpley
Treasurer.....Miss J. Roper
Educational Sec'ty.....Mrs. B. V. Nixon
"Living Message" Sec'ty.....Miss J. Roper

The men of the Parish have organized their Annual Turkey Shoot, which is always well patronized.

The Evening Group of the W.A. report serving donuts and coffee for the Turkey Shoot, and catering for a small banquet. They also have held their Annual Meeting, their Officers for 1954 being:—

President.....Mrs. Ed. Shuman
Sec'ty.....Mrs. E. A. Pelan
Prayer Partner Sec'ty.....Mrs. L. Parsons
Educational Sec'ty.....Mrs. Jack Ferris
"Little Helpers" Sec'ty.....Mrs. Jack Ferris
Vice-President.....Mrs. D. Buchanan
Treasurer.....Mrs. M. Broadfoot
Dorcas Sec'ty.....Mrs. H. Howarth

They report a new off-the-record officer, too, a Purchaser who is Mrs. Harold Howarth. Please remember these officers, for "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Chi Rho activities include Work nights from which evolved Kneelers now secured safely to the floor, and varnished, and a new broom cupboard in the Parish Hall, splendid jobs, greatly appreciated. On Nov. 17th the Rector showed two films—"For Every Child", and one on the Indian Work of our Church throughout Canada.

The Fellowship night was enjoyed by a party of eight who went bowling, finishing up with at lunch at Barb's.

The evenings of Church History hold the attention of those who have been attending from the beginning.

The Purple Dossal and hangings furnished by the Altar Guild for Advent Sunday struck just the right note of sombre self-preparation for the joyous news of Christmas.

St. Andrew's Day - our Patronal Festival, provided us with one more glorious memory to store away. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. A Corporate Communion for the two branches of the W.A., was made at 10:30 a.m., at which there was a record attendance. The Service was an inspiration, and was used as a re-dedication of our lives to our vocation within the W.A., and the Service of God in this community.

Our Festival Evensong was sung at 8:00 p.m. with the Choir really surpassing itself. The first lesson was read by Canon A. Wallis of St. Luke's, Edmonton, who is a former Rector of the Parish. The second lesson was read by Dean Sparling who also preached on the life and example of St. Andrew. It was a memorable sermon, being his first preached in this Parish. One of the highlights of the Service was the dedication of a stained glass window, depicting St. Andrew, standing with his cross, at his feet a pile of fish net and the wild rose of Alberta and Camrose. The Dean dedicated the window to the Glory of God and in memory of those who had pioneered in this Parish. The window was given as a thank-offering by the whole Parish.

The Dean pointed out that no one could but realize that this Church was observing a great Festival. The Altar showed the beautiful result of many long hours of needlework by our Altar Guild. It stood resplendent in white, gold and red; in fact all the linen also had been made by our own members.

After the Service the Parish was able to meet over coffee, Mrs. Wallis who had come down with her husband, and also Mr. Lefroy who had driven down with the Dean.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

It is with much regret that we will say good-bye to Archbishop Barfoot, and many heartfelt wishes for his happiness and health will follow him to his new sphere of duties from the people here.

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We were truly thankful to hear of his recovery from his recent illness.

C. T. C. Roper was the delegate from St. Dunstan's to the Synod, Nov. 18th, and J. G. Baker attended an Executive Meeting the same day.

The W.A. met for Holy Communion on St. Andrew's Day. We are grateful to the Rector for giving us this special Service.

The Bible Study classes conducted by the Rector on Thursday evenings have been fairly well attended.

The electric lights are, indeed, a welcome addition to the Church, especially for the Church School. We almost wonder how we ever did without them.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. H. Welter with seven members and one visitor present. A report was given on the bazaar which was very satisfactory. Material for dossal curtains was received and these will be made up shortly. Flowers were ordered for the Christmas Service.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

Rev. F. E. Smith

Golden colored 'mums and gleaming candles were appropriate table decorations when on Wednesday, Oct. 28, over 100 members of St. Mary's Anglican congregation met in the Legion Hall and sat down to a banquet in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Smith, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Young, welcomed the guests.

Amongst the Edmonton visitors attending were two former Ponoka rectors, Canon W. M. Nainby and Canon W. T. Elkin, both of whom were accompanied by their wives. Bringing greetings also were Rev. and Mrs. J. Grant Sparling, of Edmonton, Venerable and Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, J. H. Blocksidge, church warden, Wetaskiwin, Rev. C. G. Ashdown, baptist minister, Ponoka, Rev. W. E. Burgess, United Church minister, Ponoka.

An outstanding feature of the program was a history of the parish written and read by Mr. W. J. Young. This interesting paper went back to the date July 7, 1903, when the parish, then in the diocese of Calgary, was founded. Previous to that date, it was said, services had been held in the C.P.R. depot.

Between the dates of 1903-1914, the congregation met in various halls and buildings, many of which have long since disappeared. Clergymen from Wetaskiwin and Lacombe ministered and in this connection the names of Rev. E. H. Webb, Rev. A. A. Cramp, Rev. R. A. Robinson, Rev. A. J. Pabstone, Rev. Robert W. W. Alexander were remembered.

A recapitulation of the incumbents of the church since 1914 contained the following names. R. W. W. Alexander, Arthur Murphy, A. L. Harkness, W. J.

James, D. McQueen, P. C. Wade, A. M. Trendall, A. Murphy, W. M. Nainby, W. T. Elkin, F. A. Peaks, F. E. Smith.

Rev. J. Grant Sparling delivered an inspiring address to the audience in which he exhorted them to make the "Kingdom of God amongst men" their target, to dedicate their lives to this end and ever strive for complete success.

A reading by Mrs. D. Fredrikson, of Wetaskiwin, and a musical monologue by W. J. Young, accompanied by Mrs. J. Butterfield at the piano, added to the entertainment. Brief addresses were given by visiting clergy and church wardens. Rev. F. E. Smith acted as master of ceremonies.

We had a very impressive meeting on St. Andrew's Day at St. Mary's, Ponoka, when the two W.A. Groups and the Juniors joined in the Service. Rev. Mr. Smith had the Service and spoke word of encouragement to the Juniors, and presented them with their Stripes, some of them had their Fourth Stripe, and others Two. We hope they will keep up the good work, then we will have a very strong W.A. in the future. We can be proud of our Sunday School Leaders and Teachers.

The monthly meeting of St. Mary's Afternoon Group of the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. J. G. Smith, P.M.H. We had our President, Mrs. Young, in the chair. The meeting opened with the members prayer. The Scripture reading from the Study Book. Mrs. Bartley had Roll Call and correspondence, then Mrs. Paterson, our Treasurer, gave a financial report. After a little discussion we turned over \$30.00 to the Organ Fund as we understood they only needed that much to finish paying for the new organ. We had a very successful tea and bazaar on the 21st of Nov., all members were very pleased with the support we had from the Evening Group and students from the Provincial M. Hospital. As there was no new business, the meeting was turned over to Rev. F. E. Smith for our Annual Meeting. The meeting was opened by prayer and a few pleasant remarks from the chairman. As our officers had done so well in the years past they were re-elected, so now we look forward to another successful year with Mrs. Young, Paterson, and Bartley at the helm. The meeting was brought to a close by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith, after which the hostess served a very nice lunch, with the help of Miss Phyllis Smith.

SEDGEWICK

Rev. E. Fowler

There has been much sickness prevalent this month many of the patients having to be taken to hospitals at Killam and Edmonton, we wish them a speedy recovery. While attending the Synod on the 18th, the Rector was able to visit patients in the University Hospital.

On Nov. 20th the flim "For Every Child" was shown in the Parish Hall and was enjoyed by the small number

present. It was unfortunate that it had to be shown on the eve of the Annual Sale of Work, which prevented many ladies from attending.

W.A.—The Fall Sale of Work, held in the Community Hall on Nov. 21st, was a great success, from the financial standpoint, particularly. The ladies deserve our congratulations for the effort, which as usual, entailed much hard work and organization.

The Annual Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Rose on Dec. 11th.

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After receiving and adopting the various reports, which indicated a very successful year, the following officers were elected. Hon. President, Mrs. G. Tanton; President, Mrs. D. Galletly; Vice-President, Mrs. C. Pereira; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Rose; Sec., Mrs. E. Johnson; with Mrs. F. Weber as assistant; Educational Sec., Miss M. Patten; Dorcas and Thank-Offering Sec., Mrs. Rose; Little Helpers Sec., Mrs. S. Galletly; Living Message, Miss M. Patten; Fancy Work Conveners, Mrs. A. Burch and Mrs. Richmond. The Rector warmly thanked the retiring officers for their conscientious work during the past term.

The Every Member Canvass is still in progress. Some of the teams have not yet completed their task, but hope to do so in the near future.

Marriages—Henry Nicholas Leskow and Elizabeth Jean Armour.

KILLAM

The Sunday School continues to thrive and is now preparing an interesting program for their Christmas Party on Dec. 18th. Four of their members now attend Confirmation Class.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Cliff Felgate is again a patient in an Edmonton Hospital. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

On Nov 28th in St. George's Church, the film, "For Every Child" was shown to a fair number of people. The picture with its appealing theme, was voted both interesting and enjoyable.

W.A.—The Fall Sale of Work on Nov. 21st was a very successful event.. The ladies are commended upon the results of their hard work. They must have felt amply repaid by the financial return.

The Annual Meeting was held on Nov. 10th, with eighteen members present, at the home of Mrs. Ed. Dammann. After the ordinary business was finished, the Rector presided for the election of officers. He extended sincere thanks to the retiring officers for their excellent work during the past year. The following were elected to office for 1954.

Hon. President, Mrs. E. Fowler; President, (for the second year of office), Mrs. C. Brodie; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Collins; 2nd Vice-President Mrs. S. Robson; Sec., Mrs. C. Felgate; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Smith; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Palmer; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. H. Brodie; Living Message Sec., Mrs. R. Jacob; Reporter, Mrs. J. Child; Thank-Offering Sec., Mrs. MacLaehlan.

LOUCHEED

The lighting of the church has now been completed and should prove of great benefit, supplying a long-felt want. Added comfort in winter months has been achieved by curtaining of the swing-doors.

S.S.—Though the numbers have been depleted by removals, the regularity of attendance of the Scholars left makes the work well worth while.

Baptism—David John Butcher.

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ST. PATRICK'S, HEATH

St. Patrick's W.A. monthly meeting with the usual attendance, was held on Nov. 30th, in conjunction with St. Andrew's Day service. Rev. Ellway came down to Heath for the occasion.

The meeting was very short as darkness began to fall in our little church and we had no light. However we got all our main business done. We sold twenty Calendars, and we think we have reached our objective of a Canadian Church Calendar in every Anglican home in our parish.

We made plans for a Christmas party to be held for the children, parents invited, on Monday evening, Dec. 21st, at Heath.

Our next meeting, being our Annual Meeting, will be held at the home of Mrs. T. N. Withnell. The hostesses being Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Withnell.

We are all very sad at the thought of losing our beloved Primate, the Most Rev. Archbishop Barfoot, who has become very dear to us in the years we have known him, and we will not neglect to pray for him in his new life and responsibilities.

However we welcome our new Bishop-elect and his family, and hope we will meet them soon and become acquainted.

HUGHENDEN

Rev. F. G. Dowding

On Nov. 12th there was a train and truck accident at Hughenden which killed Mr. Victor Twigg instantly. He left to mourn him, his widow who, being up in years, could not stand the shock and had to be taken to hospital on Nov. 18th. While there she responded favourably for a few days but on Dec. 5th she passed on to be with God. Both were early settlers in Hughenden and lived to the age of 72 years.

The W.A. held their first St. Andrew's Day Service on Nov. 30th at 2:00 p.m., this was earlier than the time set but it was held earlier than planned so the Rector could have a service at Hardisty at 3:30 p.m.

To add a note of humor it was noticed that when the bell was rung each Sunday it squeaked a lot so a few ambitious parishioners went to try to fix the same and at the same time tightened the nut which held the gong. As to the squeak, it no longer exists, nor does the ringing of the bell, guess someone had too

much energy and tightened the nut too much.

The W.A. meeting of Dec. was held at Mrs. W. Reason's, Amisk, on Dec. 10th, with 16 present and after a short business meeting we had some fun playing Xmas carols and games. The Annual meeting will be held in Jan. when the members meet at the home of Mrs. H. Kennedy.

HARDISTY

Rev. F. G. Dowding

St. Mark's W.A. held a service on St. Andrew's Day at 3:30 p.m. The Rector took the service for Missions and in his closing remarks told the members something of St. Andrew's life and his missionary zeal. On Thursday, Dec. 3rd, the annual meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. F. Matthews with 10 members present. The reports showed that although the W.A. had heavier commitments this year they also had the best year and showed that the finances are in the black rather than the red. The membership is about the same as when the year began although we lost one member as she moved to the west coast. The number of Living Message this year has been increased by three. The Rector took over for the election of officers with the following being elected.

President, Mrs. J. Wright; Vice-President, Mrs. F. G. Dowding; Sec., Mrs. J. French; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Cookson.

A new sign telling of the church's service has been made and we hope to have it erected sometime in Jan.

Baptism—Wesley Clinton Pedlar.

Religion would not have enemies, if it were not an enemy of their vices.—Massillon.

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You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late.—Fuller.

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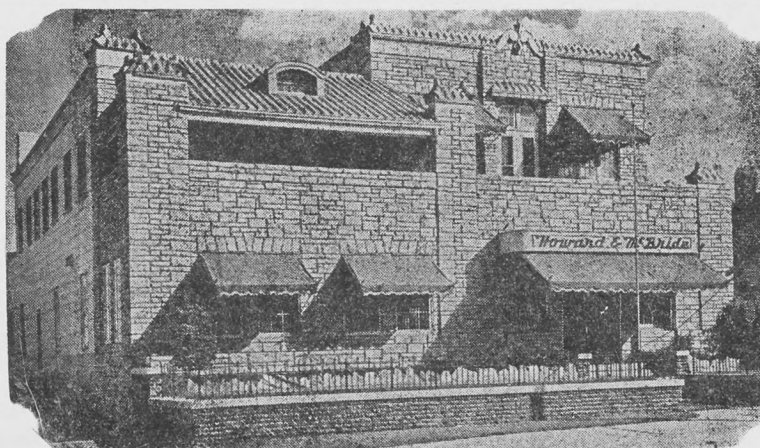


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